

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2691, Interior Department Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11771–S11875

Measures Introduced: Six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1641–1646, and S. Res. 228–233. **Page S11832**

Measures Passed:

Interior Department Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11780–81, S11784–S11826**

Adopted:

By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 358), Bingaman Amendment No. 1740, to ban commercial advertising on the National Mall. **Pages S11804–05**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 360), Voinovich/Thomas Modified Amendment No. 1754, to substitute a requirement for an annual report on competitive sourcing activities on lists required under the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 that are performed for the Department of the Interior by Federal Government sources. **Page S11807**

Levin/Collins Amendment No. 1750, to ensure cost-effective procedures to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Pages S11808–11**

Burns (for Bennett) Amendment No. 1757, to provide funds for trail construction on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns Amendment No. 1758, to provide funds to facilitate a land exchange between the State of Montana and the Lolo National Forest. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns (for Nickles) Modified Amendment No. 1752, to set aside funds for the Oklahoma City National Memorial. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1759, to set aside funds for the Wildlife Enhancement and Economic Development Program in Starkville, Mississippi. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns (for Enzi) Amendment No. 1760, to improve seismic monitoring and hazard assessment in the Jackson Hole-Yellowstone area of Wyoming. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns Amendment No. 1761, to provide funds for the development of certain technologies and research facilities. **Pages S11813–14**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1762, to provide funding for DES applications integration. **Pages S11813–14**

Dorgan (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 1728, to set aside funds for activities to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns/Dorgan Amendment No. 1763, to provide certain funding for operating grants for Tribally Controlled Community Colleges, and for Information Resources Technology. **Pages S11813–14**

Dorgan (for Clinton) Amendment No. 1726, to provide for a payment of \$11,750 to the Harriet Tubman Home in Auburn, New York. **Pages S11813–14**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1764, to include electric thermal storage technology as a weatherization material under the Energy Conservation in Existing Buildings Act of 1976. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1765, to provide funds for the Mesa Verde Cultural Center in the State of Colorado, with an offset. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns (for Talent) Amendment No. 1766, to provide funding for the construction of a statue of Harry S Truman in Kansas City, Missouri, with an offset. **Pages S11813–14**

Burns Amendment No. 1769, to cancel certain unobligated balances in the Department of the Interior's foreign currency account. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns Amendment No. 1770, to provide authority for the Forest Service to reimburse cooperators who assist with emergency response. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns (for Bennett) Amendment No. 1771, to provide authority for the Forest Service to sell certain excess facilities on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns Amendment No. 1772, to facilitate rehabilitation efforts on the Kootenai and Flathead National Forests. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns Amendment No. 1773, to ensure the perpetual operation of water treatment centers at the Zortman/Landusky mine reclamation site. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns (for Craig) Amendment No. 1774, to facilitate renewal of grazing permits managed by the Bureau of Land Management's Jarbridge office. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1775, to modify a provision relating to interim compensation payments for Glacier Bay, Alaska. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1776, to modify a provision relating to applications for waivers of certain maintenance fees. **Pages S11816–19**

Dorgan (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1725, to require the Secretary of the Interior to report to Congress on acquisitions made by the Department of the Interior of articles, materials, or supplies manufactured outside the United States. **Pages S11824–26**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1777, to amend Sec. 301 of Title III of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211) to include neighborhood electric vehicles in the definition of alternative fueled vehicle. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns (for Ensign/Reid) Amendment No. 1737, to authorize the use of proceeds from land sales in the State of Nevada for Lake Tahoe restoration projects. **Pages S11816–19**

Dorgan (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 1732, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land located in Nye County, Nevada. **Pages S11780, S11816–19**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1778, to amend Sec. 301 of Title III of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211) to include neighborhood electric vehicles in the definition of alternative fueled vehicle. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns/Dorgan Amendment No. 1779, to facilitate renewal of grazing permits. **Pages S11816–19**

Dorgan (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1743, to authorize the Secretary to use funds for the Blueberry Lake project. **Pages S11816–19**

Dorgan (for Reid) Amendment No. 1733, to provide for the conveyance of land to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the construction of affordable housing for seniors. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns (for Snowe/Dodd) Amendment No. 1780, to direct the Secretary of Energy to submit to Con-

gress a report on the use of the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve. **Pages S11816–19**

Dorgan (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1749, to exempt the rural business enterprise grants awarded to Oakridge, OR from the business size restrictions. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns/Dorgan Amendment No. 1781, to ensure that funds allocated to the Indian Health Service are not redirected to programs and projects that have not been fully justified in the agency's annual budget request and concurred in by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. **Pages S11816–19**

Burns Amendment No. 1782, to make a technical modification to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. **Pages S11816–19**

Dorgan (for Hollings) Amendment No. 1736, to authorize the acquisition of additional land for inclusion in the Congaree Swamp National Monument in the State of South Carolina.

Burns/Dorgan Amendment No. 1768, to provide funds to repay accounts from which funds were borrowed for wildfire suppression. **Page S11816**

Rejected:

Boxer Amendment No. 1753, to strike section 333 relating to a special judicial appeals process for cases involving timber harvesting in the Tongass National Forest. (By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 359), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11784–88, S11805–06**

By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 361), Reid Amendment No. 1731, to prohibit the use of funds for initiating any new competitive sourcing studies. **Pages S11780, S11788–S11804, S11807–08**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 362), Daschle Further Modified Amendment No. 1739, to strike funding for implementation of the Department of the Interior's reorganization plan for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Special Trustee and to transfer the savings to the Indian Health Service. **Pages S11811–13**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 356), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Daschle Further Modified Amendment No. 1734, to provide additional funds for clinical services of the Indian Health Service, with an offset. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S11780–81**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair

was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Burns, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Bennett, Gregg, Campbell, Brownback, Dorgan, Byrd, Leahy, Hollings, Reid, Feinstein, and Mikulski.

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U.S. Olympic Committee Reform Act: Senate passed S. 1404, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Burns (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1767, relative to the relocation of the U.S. Olympic Committee's principal office and national headquarters.

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month.

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Relative to the Death of General Raymond G. Davis: Senate agreed to S. Res. 232, expressing the condolences of the Senate upon the death on September 3, 2003, of the late General Raymond G. Davis (United States Marine Corps, retired) and expressing the appreciation and admiration of the Senate for the unwavering commitment demonstrated by General Davis to his family, the Marine Corps, and the Nation.

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Commending Rochester, Minnesota A's: Senate agreed S. Res. 233, commending the Rochester, Minnesota A's American Legion baseball team for winning the 2003 National American Legion World Series.

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Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation reports S. 150, to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance for a period of thirty calendar days; and that, if said Committee has not reported the bill at the end of the thirty days, the Committee be discharged from its further consideration; and that the bill be placed on the calendar.

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District of Columbia Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Appointment—Correction

(The appointment made by the Chair on Monday, September 15, 2003, should have read as follows:)

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of Andrew J. Imparato, of Maryland, to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel, vice Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 357), Kim R. Gibson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cynthia Boich, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2007.

Henry Lozano, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Bernice Phillips, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005.

Judith C. Herrera, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Louis Guirola, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

David L. Huber, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Dorothy A. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2007. Reappointment.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Notices of Hearings/Meetings:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—362) **Pages S11781–82, S11805–08, S11813**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 24, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11874.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Gordon England, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Navy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (P.L. 107–204), designed to protect investors by improving accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, focusing on reform of corporate governance, financial reporting and auditing, after receiving testimony from Samuel A. DiPiazza, Jr., PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, New York; Edward Nusbaum, Grant Thornton, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; Sean Harrigan, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration, Sacramento; and William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and Sarah Teslik, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill to provide for an extension of the Federal transit program pending the reauthorization of the program;

An original bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950; and

An original bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy.

WATER RECLAMATION PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings to examine S. 213, to clear title to certain real prop-

erty in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, S. 1236, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, after receiving testimony from Representatives Kind and Stenholm; A. Gordon Brown, Invasive Species Coordinator, Liaison to the National Invasive Species Council, Robert M. Hirsh, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey, and Michael Gabaldon, Director, Policy, Management, and Technical Services, Bureau of Reclamation, all of the Department of the Interior; John Marshall, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; Tim Carlson, Tamarisk Coalition, Grand Junction, Colorado; Debra Hughes, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, Carlsbad; and Holly Stoerker, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, St. Paul, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1640, to provide an extension of highway programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S.-MEXICO TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Mexican barriers to U.S. agricultural exports, after receiving testimony from Allen F. Johnson, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Office of the US Trade Representative; Ron Litterer,

Iowa Corn Growers Association, Greene, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Michael W. Jorgenson, Roquette America, Inc., Keokuk, Iowa, on behalf of the Corn Refiners Association; Sergio Sarmiento, TV AZTECA, D.F. Mexico; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Travis Satterfield, Benoit, Mississippi, on behalf of the Delta Council; and John Rice, Rice Fruit Company, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the U.S. Apple Association and the Northwest Fruit Exporters.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing on how to internationalize Iraq and organize the U.S. government to administer reconstruction efforts, focusing on the President's proposed supplemental funding request for sustaining U.S. military forces and supporting Iraq reconstruction efforts, after receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; James Dobbins, RAND International Security and Defense Policy Center, Arlington, Virginia; and John Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine certain issues relative to combatting terrorist financing, after receiving testimony from J. Cofer Black, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; David Aufhauser, General Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and John S. Pistole, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health technology, focusing on nanotechnology, including the dangers and societal implications, market barriers and challenges of interdisciplinary research, and the Federal role of funding, coordination, and priority setting, after receiving testimony from Patricia M. Dehmer, Director, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, Department of Energy; Jeffrey A. Schloss, National Human Genome Research Institute, Washington, D.C.; Samuel I. Stupp, Northwestern University Institute for Bioengineering and Nanoscience in Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; and Todd Lizotte, NanoVia, LP, Londonderry, New Hampshire.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security concluded a hearing on

information sharing and coordination for visa issuance in relation to homeland security, focusing on the ongoing cooperation between the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Department, and Department of Homeland Security as it relates to accessing and using information to make visa determinations a part of antiterrorism and border protection efforts, after receiving testimony from John O. Brennan, Director, Terrorist Threat Integration Center, Central Intelligence Agency; Larry A. Mefford, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and William Parish, Acting Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Information Analysis, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate.

VETERANS ELIGIBILITY

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to limit eligibility for veterans' compensation to veterans with disabilities directly related to "performance of duty" injuries only, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, and Tim S. McClain, General Counsel, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Dennis W. Snook, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service; Mark H. Olanoff, American Legion, Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

MEDICAL PRIVACY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Office of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) medical privacy and transaction rules, focusing on patient consent, notice of privacy practices, The Health Privacy Project, and regulatory implementation repercussions, after receiving testimony from Richard Campanelli, Director, Office for Civil Rights, and Jared Adair, Director, Office of HIPAA Standards, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Cathy Treadway, The Woman's Clinic, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the Medical Group Management Association; Mary R. Grealy, Healthcare Leadership Council, Allisa Fox, BlueCross BlueShield Association, and Janlori Goldman, Health Privacy Project, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3139–3156; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 287, and H. Res. 376, were introduced. **Pages H8490–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8491**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–280);

H. Res. 374, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–281); and

H. Res. 375, providing for consideration of H.R. 2557, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, (H. Rept. 108–282). **Pages H8425–58, H8490**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop of Utah to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8405**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. to start the legislative day. **Page H8408**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the importance of sportsmen to American society: H. Res. 362, recognizing the importance and contributions of sportsmen to American society, supporting the traditions and values of sportsmen, and recognizing the many economic benefits associated with outdoor sporting activities; **Pages H8410–12**

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase: H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; **Pages H8412–13**

Fort Frederica National Monument: H.R. 1113, amended, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument; **Pages H8413–15**

Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act: H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark; **Pages H8415–16**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003: H.R. 1409, to provide for a

Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 288 yeas to 127 nays, Roll No. 512); **Pages H8416–21, H8466–67**

Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act: S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area; **Pages H8421–22**

Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.: H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia; **Pages H8422–24**

Addition of Miami Circle to Biscayne National Park: S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park; **Pages H8424–25, H8467**

Coltsville Study Act of 2003: S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; **Pages H8459–60**

Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building, Carolina, Puerto Rico: H.R. 2826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the “Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building”; and **Pages H8460–61**

J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building, Savannah, Georgia: H.R. 2533, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Pages H8461–64**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8464**

Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Fund: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Skelton to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H8464**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report concerning the national interest of the United States to waive suspensions with respect to the issuance of licenses for QSR–11 sensors that serve as components of an

Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) used in commercial aircraft and spare IMU for such aircraft and further stating that license requirements remain in place for these exports—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc 108–128). **Page H8464**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Ryan of Ohio motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 509. The motion was also considered on September 17. **Pages H8464–65**

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Stenholm motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 510. The motion was also considered on September 17. **Pages H8465–66**

Later Representative Kind announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H8467–68**

National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Rodriguez motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 298 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 511. The motion was also considered on September 17. **Page H8466**

Later Representative Crowley announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Page H8468**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8491–92.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COLLEGE COST CRISIS REPORT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “The College Cost Crisis Report: Are Institutions Accountable Enough to Students and Parents?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

E-911 IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003.

USAID—STRATEGIC WORKFORCE PLANNING AT USAID

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Strategic Workforce Planning at USAID. Testimony was heard from John Marshall, Assistant Administrator, Management, AID, Department of State; and Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Division, GAO.

ACHIEVING E-GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCIES AT OPM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Achieving 3-Government Efficiencies at the Office of Personnel Management.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of OPM: Kay Coles James, Director; and Norman Enger, E-Government Project Director; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on “Potential Congressional Responses to State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. v. Campbell: Checking and Balancing Punitive Damages.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DATABASE AND COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION MISAPPROPRIATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a joint oversight hearing on the Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from David Carson, General Counsel, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 408, amended, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 546, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii; H.R. 1521, amended, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

CONFERENCE REPORT—HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard by Representative Rogers of Kentucky.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2577, Water Resources Development Act of 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Rohrabacher, King of Iowa, Miller of Florida and Oberstar.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Al-

legations at the United States Air Force Academy, 9:45 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the findings of the GAO concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency's financial allocations and activities after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, and to conduct oversight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a five year plan for the current situation in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings regarding democratic institutions in Iraq and the Middle East, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine discrimination against employees and retirees relating to social security government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights, to hold hearings to examine elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review crop insurance for program crops, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Request for Iraq, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Task Force, hearing on the final report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following: Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act; the International Consumer Protection Act of 2003; and the United States Olympic Committee Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Future of Universal Service," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Hamas Asset Freeze and Other Government Efforts to Stop Terrorist Financing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Improving USAID Financial Management;" followed by markup of H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "A Medicare Prescription Drug Safety Net: Creating a Target Benefit for Low-Income Seniors," 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2264, Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003; and H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 2359, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003; H.R. 2620, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2685, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Matching Grant Program for School Security, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 313, Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act for the 21st Century; H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 542, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102-562; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 884, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H.R. 1092, Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the

award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; H.R. 1442, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Act; H.R. 1521, Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; H.R. 1899, Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; H.R. 2696, Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2003; H.R. 2766, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act of 2003; and H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the DOT Inspector General's September 4th Report on the Safety of the FAA's Contract Tower Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Emergency Preparedness Issues; followed by a markup of the following: a measure Reauthorizing the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the Stafford Act Amendments of 2003; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider Committee business, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, joint hearing on Joint Inquiry Recommendations, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Disease Surveillance Systems: How Can They Help the Nation Prepare for Bioterrorism?" 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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